



# Indoor activities kept most happy



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

ABOVE: Sarah Staton, 10, was one of several talented Wainfleet residents who competed in the Wainfleet's Got Talent competition, held Saturday as part of the Wainfleet Fall Fair. BELOW: Danny Rykse created personalized artwork for children.



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Friday was particularly busy at the fair as students from several area schools arrived to see the exhibits, said Norman, one of a team of volunteers who organized the annual event.

"We had an awful lot of people here yesterday," he said.

**“**

**A lot of our vendors shut down and they're gone.”**

Alvin Norman,  
fair volunteer

But rain on the fair's final day was too much for several vendors who were set up outdoors.

"A lot of our vendors shut down and they're gone," Norman said. "They just couldn't take the water."

"You can't blame them."

He said it's disappointing considering "all the work you put into something like this."

Norman said he's confident people will be back next year.

"They love Wainfleet, I don't know why," he said, laughing.

Despite the weather, there were still plenty of indoor activities, such as exhibits, demonstrations for visitors, a pancake breakfast, a 4-H fair, a competition, a baby show, Wainfleet Idol competition and a demolition derby.

Mayor April Jeffs called the weather disappointing.

She considered proposing a bylaw prohibiting rain during the fair, "but it wouldn't stick to it third reading," she said with a laugh.

Overall, however, she said the fair was great.

"We get a lot of com-

ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo  
Wainfleet resident Amber Drysdale introduced one-year-old Victoria Newhouse to her kangaroo.

pliments on our fair," she added.

The fair was also an opportunity for community groups to share information about events and projects.

Wainfleet Historical Society representatives, for instance, were promoting a cenotaph being planned by it and the group's president, members of Sticks, Strings and Stewardship Community Yarn Crafting were also there, promoting the organiza-

tion and inviting visitors to add a stick to show they were working on to donate to a local charity.

The damp weather didn't deter one unexpected fairgoer. A young deer wandered onto the fairgrounds, attracting a lot of attention from the human visitors.

Fair organizers said the deer had been seen in the area several times recently.

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■ PAT HUDAK: Lakeshore's first principal

# It's like coming home

**ALLAN BENNER**  
 InPort News Staff

**P**ORT COLBORNE — Pat Hudak recalled arriving at the school in 1987, soon after learning he'd been hired as principal of Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Hudak had been working as the vice-principal of Fort Erie Secondary School, but joined the Catholic board to take the helm of the new school.

It was still months before the school was to open, and the school had sat empty since the public board, then known as the Niagara South Board of Education, closed Lockview Park Secondary School the previous spring.

Hudak wanted a good look at the empty building, exploring the facility that would be a second home to him until his retirement about eight years later. Eventually, he found an old chair and a desk left behind by the building's former occupants.

Hudak laughed as he recalled climbing the discarded furniture to temporarily furnish his new office.

That was the beginning of a vibrant new school for Port Colborne, a school that has grown substantially in 25 years. Lakeshore now has about 1,100 students walking its hallways, a far cry from the 100 or so students when it opened its doors in September 1988.

It has undergone two expansions since then to accommodate its growing population.

Hudak was principal during the first major renovation in the early 1990s. Prior to that expansion, he said there were 26 portable classrooms set up

on the school grounds.

He recalls being assured that most of those portables would be required following the renovation, but within a very short time those portables were back as the school's population continued to grow.

There are currently 10 portable classrooms behind the school, and plans for another \$5.5-million expansion are under development, he said.

Rather than designing school facilities to accommodate students for years to come, he said school boards are required to build facilities only for existing enrollment. In the years since his retirement, Hudak has not been a stranger to the facility where he worked up his career as an educator.

Following his retirement, Hudak remained busy officiating at high school football games throughout Niagara, a volunteer position that frequently led him back to Lakeshore.

He said he always enjoyed returning to the high school. It gave him an opportunity to see old friends still teaching at the school, he said.

He shared a few of his thoughts about the school's 25th anniversary during an interview with *The Tribune*.

Q: Why was Lakeshore established?

A: There were a lot of students from south Niagara communities riding the bus to Notre Dame. Taking over the former Lockview Park Secondary School helped relieve the pressure on Notre Dame.

Q: Why has Lakeshore Catholic High School been so successful when other schools are being consolidated?

A: There's a phenomenal spirit and pride there.

Q: Will the school continue to grow?



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

**Pat Hudak was Lakeshore Catholic High School's first principal.**

Q: How are currently plans for another \$5.5-million expansion next year?

A: It feels pretty much like coming home.

Q: How has the community responded to the 25th anniversary celebrations?

A: There's a lot of excitement.

Q: Will you be attending the reunion?

A: Unfortunately, I'll be out

of town.

**Editor's note:** Hudak was with his son, Progressive Conservative party leader Tim Hudak, at a party convention in London.

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## ourview

# Be more conservative, embrace the bitter pill

Looking at the political landscape, fiscally conservative politicians aren't slam dunking at the polls.

Which is strange. Because the fiscal situation isn't pretty. Anywhere. Municipally, provincially, federally or globally.

Sure, a government or two might squeeze in a small and brief surplus. But the bottom line over the long run is debt's going up. Debt servicing costs are going up.

So you'd think the wider public would be more amenable to fiscal conservatism. You'd think they'd rather trim the fat, say, the health system right now, rather than have to close the doors or privatize the whole operation in a couple decades.

But no. Looks like the folks won't have it.

In the current Nova Scotia election, the Liberals are high in the polls and if they don't take it, the incumbent NDP will likely win again. Federally, polls show Canadians are equally bally about all parties. And despite the fear-mongering over Prime Minister Harper introducing massive austerity measures — which is just a fancy term for "living within your means" — he hasn't done enough on this front.

We hate to think what Thomas Mulcair or Justin Trudeau would do to the public coffers.

Then there are polls showing NDP leader-in-spirit Olivia Chow could take our Rob Ford to the Toronto mayoralty.

Despite Ontario's horrid finances — and the fact Premier Kathleen Wynne didn't address the debt once in her leadership debates — voters still aren't gravitating to PC Leader Tim Hudak. Yet according to an Abacus Data poll from February, jobs, the economy and debt are the top concerns of Ontarians. So what gives? Our advice? Be more conservative. Embrace the bitter medicine.

Sounds counterintuitive, doesn't it? Seeing as it hasn't worked so far. But here's the thing: None of the above conservative leaders have fully sold the message of our fiscal woes. They've done it hesitantly. Apologetically. Selling restraint as if it's a dirty word. But it's not. It's morally superior. Fiscal conservatism is actually our salvation. Even for the left. It's what will save effective social programs and our ability to be a compassionate society.

Conservative politicians need to own the message. Sell it with pride.

# The Good Old Days

PASTOR GARY TOMIUK

Wainfleet Congregational Christian Church

As I sit unerringly toward old age, I find myself as many do reminiscing, increasingly about the Good Old Days.

Times when life was simpler, slower, safer. The milkman delivering milk by horse and cart. Mom's baking aromas filling our home, and visiting Gramma anticipating her homemade apple squares with a cup of tea. I remember playing ball hockey with friends in the park, and the fun which everybody knew everybody. And I well remember Crystal Beach, that once thriving amusement park with its priceless memories.

Riding the Merry Go Round on horses, unicorns and cars. A small steam powered train gave passengers a short tour of the scenic and surrounding area. Kiddie Land, with boats and amusement rides, and a swimming pond which excited children to win a prize.

Their trademark suckers, cinnamon, butterscotch, peanut, coconut and lemon. The candy apples

those sugar waffles were fatterning and tasted great. You could go into the magic carpet and look into those distorted mirrors and still look thin.

Then feed Leo the lion your empty wrappers, the famous lion had with its roar, but that roar not entirely true as Laughing Sally with her rouscous laugh seemed to be implying keep on eating and you can have a girth just like me.

And keyboard wizard extrordinaire Charming Charlie, that famous dago rag skeleton never had that problem as he banged away on his piano ad-nasum, the Carnival buskers with their games

## readers' views

### Green not necessarily clean

Open letter to Niagara Region council

For several years now, a majority of Niagara Region councilors have supported the idea of Green Energy, specifically wind and solar power, and continue to do so regardless of a growing body of evidence worldwide indicating that any alleged benefits still claimed by the Green Energy companies are in reality grossly overstated. The enormous and growing environmental and social disadvantages.

There is a German company, REPowerSystems SE, seeking approval to open a factory in Welland, Powerblades Industries Inc. It will be manufacturing wind turbine blades. It is waiting for an environmental compliance approval from the Ontario government and then the Green Energy Act, which bypasses previous environmental protection legislation, it will probably get approval.

Approval would allow this factory to

hock their wares. Those were the days my friend we thought they'd never end, but end they certainly did in 1989.

We are left only with the memories now from the exhilarating rush of the Comet to the tipsy ride of the Wild Mouse at the Bumper Cars, to the Majic Park with its roller coasters, as you walked to the Saw Mill River Flume, to the Pirate, to the Scrambler etc.

Who would ever forget that tall figure of Paul Bunyan holding the sign that said HAVING FUN AT CRYSTAL BEACH, is a silent reminder of good days gone by. We remember that rife Laff in the Dark but that laughter has ceased, the music no longer sings, the piano is muted forever, the sights and sounds have stopped.

As that fateful day arrived, the ride was dismantled, sold off to the highest bidder only to be replaced by a gated community. We can't live in the past but we can re-visit it in our minds.

As we can and often do when meaningful memories thrust themselves into our consciousness. A smell, a taste, a conversation, a familiar scent, a book, a sight or a sound presses our recall button and we become children again, or at least young people if only for a few moments.

We often look back on easier times and ahead to more difficult ones. The prodigal Son looked back with disdain on his life and ahead to what he thought would be a better future. Do you think that could have been some of the reasons he left home in the first place? Granted.

he was unappreciative of his father and his blessings and he was rebellious but have you ever wondered if he like you and me wanted to hear new

exhaust emissions into the local environment including ammonia, petroleum distillates, ethylenebenzene and suspended particulate matter.

These contain known carcinogens that no industry in Ontario would be permitted to emit, particularly in an urban community with a high population density.

I think all Niagara residents deserve to be told how this elected regional council is failing. Niagara is the Green Capital of Canada when council encourages this extreme and harmful environmental pollution that is a major part of the Green Energy policies it continues to support.

Andrew Watts  
Wainfleet

### Never saw that coming

The Ontario government is paying the owners of the wind turbines not to produce electrical energy. Take them off line during times of not needing them.

sounds, and experience new sights minus the drinking and carousing in that far country which beckoned him, calling him, promising him a cure for his wandering soul. Maybe even freedom from the rules and regulations, the tediousness, the monotony of that violent life.

But life can be so much more. That longing for a better experience, a better place, a better world is a God implanted desire that cannot be fulfilled in this life. Proving that we were created for another.

That indescribable longing, the craving and yearning for home is from God who put eternity in our hearts. The Moon Blues sang "why can't we ever get an answer while we're knocking at the door."

The truth is Jesus is the one knocking and the door handle is on the inside. You must open the door to Him, inviting Him in, confessing your sins, and receiving Him as Lord and Savior. The Moon Blues further sang "I am looking for someone to change my life."

Who's that? Jesus! He is not like that giant Paul Bunyan figure with the sign saying "have fun at"

"Crystal Beach." But he looms large in countless lives filling them with fun and excitement.

For on His sign it is written "The Living Bread and the Water of Life."

Living long for a true home as do Christians. We are told "It is the Holy City coming down from heaven to Earth. It shone with the Glory of God like a precious jewel clear as crystal" (Revelation 21:1 and 2).

This is truly home sweet home! And those Good Old Days will become Great New Days in Heaven forevermore.

That makes sense.

We need the wind turbines the most when it is really hot or when it is really cold. But in both cases, there isn't even a breeze let alone a real wind. Everything is still. People fan themselves because it's too hot and there is no breeze. Snowflakes drop straight down in the cold winter. Smoke from the fireplace rises straight up. The wind turbines are motionless.

The Ontario government can save \$200 million a year by paying the owners of the wind turbines not to produce energy during the windy months of spring and fall. That's when we don't need much heat or A/C.

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■ ARTS PLACE: Linda Hankin's art will be featured until Oct. 27

# Telling stories through art

**ALLAN BENNER**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Every painting tells a story, said artist Linda Hankin.

"All significant art is a visual language," she said. "It's like talking out loud, but it's visual."

Many of the stories within Hankin's paintings are about her home in Welland's rural east side, including gardens, flowers, and scenes of farmland.

"I just created snippets of all that grows around my property," she explained. "It's different things like butter cups and daisies and Queen Ann's Lace, and clover."

Her other paintings are dark and foreboding, such as a hazel nut that looks very much like a human skull included in an abstract painting of horses.

About 40 of her paintings and other items will be on display at Arts Place on King St. until Oct. 27.

Her show, called *In Conversation*, opens Sunday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m.

Hankin has spent most of her life creating works of art — a talent she may have inherited from her father.

Following her retirement from a U.S.-based publishing company, Hankin has dedicated herself to her artwork. She's since amassed a collection of thousands of paintings and other works of art.

Now that she plans to eventually move to Canada's eastern provinces, Hankin is hoping to sell many of her charished works of art.

Despite her huge collection, Hankin said she's not done creating yet.

"I have a lot of catching up to do — lots, even though I have thousands of paintings," she said, referring to ideas she has to create even more works of art.

More information about Hankin's art can be found on her website [www.lindahankin.com](http://www.lindahankin.com).

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**ALLAN BENNER** Staff Photo  
Welland artist Linda Hankin holds a self portrait, one of several paintings that will be on display at Arts Place on King St. in Port Colborne until Oct. 27. The artist will be at a reception Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

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■ COAST GUARD

# Five rescued from sinking boat

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Post News Staff

**POR T COLBORNE** — Five people are safe on shore after being rescued from a sinking boat in Lake Erie Sunday.

The Canadian Coast Guard reported Sunday afternoon that members of the Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (POCOMAR) as well as Sandman, a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary pri-

vate vessel, rescued the passengers of boat that was taking on water off the shore of Port Colborne and towed the stricken boat to shore.

POCOMAR member Cal Peyton said the Coast Guard initially issued a marine assistance request broadcast at 12:35 p.m., looking for a nearby boat available to assist the five people from Brampton who were out on the lake fishing.

However, he said the request for assistance didn't receive a response initially.

"Then they paged us and it didn't get through right away to the guys who were on call," he added.

But then Dan Pellerin, aboard Sandman, radioed that he was in the area. "He declared himself a vessel of opportunity, and said he could be there," Peyton said.

Meanwhile, Peyton and

fellow POCOMAR member Scott Wolfe quickly put together a crew, and salled out to assist.

After about 20 minutes, they arrived at the 17-foot boat sinking in shallow water. The five people aboard the sinking boat were carried back to shore aboard the Sandman, while the POCOMAR crew turned their attention to trying to save the sinking boat.

"We hooked up the boat

and tried to de-water it. But it didn't work. It was taking on water faster than we could pump it out," he said.

They carefully towed the boat back to Port Colborne, where the boat's owner managed to pull it out of the water.

Peyton said rescuers were unable to determine why the boat started sinking.

"Why it was taking on water is a mystery. We

looked at it after but we couldn't figure it out."

It's the second time since late August that the POCOMAR crew has rescued people in distress.

On Aug. 23, POCOMAR towed a capsized boat back to shore after Niagara Regional Police rescued the four people aboard that boat.

"It's been a busy summer."

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■ IAN THOMSON

# Firebomb victim wants to carry gun

BRIAN LILLEY  
QMI Agency

OTTAWA — A Port Colborne man is seeking a rarely-issued permit to carry a handgun at all times, saying that police cannot protect him.

Ian Thomson's home was firebombed by four men in August 2010 and last week the ringleader of the firebombing, Randy Weaver, was released from prison.

"I cannot depend on police for any kind of protection," Thomson told Sun News' *Byline* program Monday.

Thomson, a former firearms instructor, was prosecuted after the firebombing for firing warning shots at his assailants. He was acquitted last January showing that Weaver was sentenced to prison.

Thomson has also received threats from a neighbour who is seen on surveillance tape threatening to shoot him in the leg before yelling, "Come here. I'll blow your f---ing brain out."

Describing this, Thomson said he won't be getting special treatment from police.

"I was in contact with them last week when I found out

**“**  
I was told that I will receive the same level of protection as other citizens.... And that doesn't make me feel comfortable.”

Ian Thomson

that he (Weaver) was released and I was told that I will receive the same level of protection

as other citizens ... "Thomson said. "And that doesn't make me feel comfortable."

Defences attorney and firearms law expert Ed Burlew, who defended Thomson in court, said that these permits should be easier to obtain.

"When you are faced with a person who is a known assailant and are faced with a present threat you have to have the ability to defend yourself," Burlew said.

In order to be granted the permit, Thomson must first convince Ontario chief firearms officer Chris Wyatt that he deserves to submit an

application.

"They guard those applications," Burlew told QMI Agency.

If Thomson is granted an application, he then needs his local police force to agree, essentially admitting that they cannot protect one of their citizens.

"I have asked them and I was told that I'm not going to get one," Thomson said of his conversations with the Niagara Regional Police.

Queries submitted to Niagara police and Ontario's chief firearms office were not answered.



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Ian Thomson leaves the courthouse in Welland in this January 2012 file photo.

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■ JUNIOR B HOCKEY: Pirates fall short in comeback bid against Fort Erie

# Shot down in shootout

InPort News Staff

match, Fort Erie.

PORT COLBORNE — Game, set, junior B hockey's Battle of Hwy.

3 came down to penalty shots, and once again the home team prevailed. Braden Kavaratzis and Jesse

Pereira found the back of the net for Fort Erie in a three-round shootout to give the Meteors a 4-3 victory over the Port Colborne Pirates Saturday night.

Brock Ackerman, whose goal 11:34 into the third period sparked Port Colborne's comeback from a three-goal deficit, netted the Pirates' only goal in the shootout. Charlie Izaguirre and Liam VanBuren missed their scoring attempts against Connor Visca, who made 41 saves to give him a 3-0 record.

Mitch Pearce took the loss between the pipes for Port Colborne to fall to 1-2-0-1 on the year.

Mitchell Pearce, Aaron Wanat and Kavaratzis scored in regulation for the Meteors, who won for the first time this season despite being outshot 44-34.

Port Erie, improved to 1-4-0-1 with the win, beat the visiting Sarnia�� covered a crowd of 390 at the Lakerplex.

Mack Steele and Trevor Smith also scored for the Don Cherry's Port Colborne Pirates, who dropped to 2-3-0-1 in league play and fell one point short of sweeping their two weekend games in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey's Golden Horseshoe Conference. On Friday night the Pirates defeated the Buffalo Regals 9-5 at home.

Neither team was especially effective when it enjoyed a man advantage Saturday. Fort Erie finished the game 1-for-5 for the power play; the Pirates, 0-for-6.

Port Colborne edged the Meteors 5-4 in a shootout in its home opener Sept. 6.

## PIRATES 9, REGALS 5

At Port Colborne, Jordan Bolibruck, Izaguirre and VanBuren each scored two goals to lead the Pirates past Buffalo.

Smith, who collected a game-high four assists, Ackerman and Steele rounded out the scoring for the Pirates, who snapped a two-game losing.

Colin Farrell, with two goals, Christopher Moses, Nicholas Matos and Michael Faliero replied for Buffalo, off to an 0-5 start to the season.

Marcus Hryvko, making his first start in net for the Pirates, stopped 37 shots to get the win.

Port Colborne finished Friday

night's game at Vale Health and Wellness Centre 2-for-5 on the power play. Buffalo was 2-for-6 in scoring with a man advantage.

Next action for the Pirates is

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**THE THREE CANTORS** in concert, 7:30 p.m. at St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church, 55 Charlotte St., Port Colborne. Tickets \$20 (includes pie and coffee reception). Call 905-834-3184 for tickets.

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**COUNTRY HOEDOWN** to benefit Welland hospital. Welland Hospital Foundation has put the cows out to pasture on old dance ideas and created this new event for all you country lovers while raising money for our local hospital. The hoedown will be held at Club Richelieu at 7 p.m. Featuring live music by The Elton Lammie Country Band along with 50/50 draws, cash bar, pig roast by Boss Hog Pork & Beef and great prizes to be won. Country attire is encouraged, but not required. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at

the door. All proceeds from this event will go towards life-saving equipment for Welland hospital. For more information contact Lori Pottle at 905-378-4647 ext. 32395 or e-mail: [lpottle@niagarahealth.on.ca](mailto:lpottle@niagarahealth.on.ca).

**BEEF ON WEEK DINNER** for and at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hwy. 3 and Silver Bay Rd., Port Colborne, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost \$9, includes roast beef on a kummel weck roll, coleslaw, coffee, tea and dessert. Proceeds to be matched by FaithLife Financial.

**WELAND CAMERA CLUB** president Peter Ferguson will take you through the settings on your camera and talk about post-production ways to turn a photograph into a work of art. Bring your camera and manual, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$10. Register ahead.

**PELHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** meets at the Fontenelle hill library, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Darrell Biela, a Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture instructor, will speak on the creation of a natural swimming pond.

**AT WAINFLEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This drop-in knitting club will meet to knit together, share patterns, help each other and learn how to knit. Crocheting is welcome.

## TUESDAY

### SEPTEMBER 24

#### FALL FASHION SHOW

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## WEDNESDAY

### SEPTEMBER 25

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Services will be at Wainfleet Township Public Library 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are

will receive a certificate at the end of the second day. There are eight workshops: resumes, interviews/dressing and grooming, cover letters, computer basics, job retention, conflict resolution, stress management and Where are the Jobs?

## THURSDAY

### SEPTEMBER 26

**CLASSIC BOOK CLUB** at Wainfleet Township Public Library 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for afternoon tea as we discuss works of classic literature. This month's selection is the first two books in the Little House on the Prairie Series — *Little House in the Big Woods* and *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. To obtain copies of the books, please register as a book club member in person or by calling 905-899-1277.

**FAMILY WII NIGHT** at Wainfleet Township Public Library from 6 to 7:30. All ages are welcome to drop in to play Nintendo Wii.

## FRIDAY

### SEPTEMBER 27

**RESUME CLINIC** at Employment Solution, 3 East Main St., Welland; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Receive advice about your present resume or help in developing a new one. Call 905-788-3751 to reserve a spot.

**SATURDAY** **SEPTEMBER 28** **WELLAND CULTURE DAYS** 2013

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**WHEEL OF WORKSHOPS** at Employment Solutions, 3 East Main St., Welland, this day and Sept. 26; 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Call 905-788-3751 for more information or to reserve your spot in the free two-day workshop to get you ready to land that job you been looking for. You

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

**JIMMY MARANDO SWING** Band is presented by the city at Welland Community Wellness Complex, 145 Lincoln St., at 7 p.m. Featuring singers Maggie Vida and David Iannarone. Music from the '30s to '60s, tickets start at \$12 (depending on membership).

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■ REUNION: A few hundred former Dain City residents returned to their roots

# Dain City welcomes the past

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DAIN CITY — A few hundred people returned to their roots Sunday to celebrate the community they once called their home.

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Former Dain City residents Mary Dorsey and her daughters Carol Spiridonov and Patty Wallis look at old pictures displayed during the Dain City reunion Sunday.

we ever expected," said Greg Shaubel, one of several volunteers who organized a Dain City reunion

"We had so many people here, I couldn't believe it."

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## DAIN CITY

# Meeting featured unexpected reunions

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Shaubel, who now lives in Niagara Falls, said it was nice to see old friends he hasn't seen for many years as well as a few former teachers from Dain City's elementary school who returned for the event.

Welland residents Carol Spiridonoff and Patty Wallis, who were at the reunion with their mother Mary Dorsey, didn't have far to travel to return to the community where the grew up. They had lived just a block away from the former elementary school that has since been transformed into the Carris Lynn Pinard Centre.

Dorsey said she didn't know what to expect when she chose to return to Dain City for the reunion, "but I met a lot of

people."

"We came late and there were still a lot of people here," she said, while looking at displays of old pictures of former students of the school.

Violin Urbancic called the event "absolutely awesome."

"There are so many people from everywhere. We have people from Atlanta, up north across the United States. It's absolutely amazing," she said. "And everyone's happy to see everyone."

After heavy rainfall Saturday, she was pleased to see the weather co-operated for the event a day later.

"I sang all the way home from my last shopping trip. 'Rain rain go away, come back after Sunday,'" she said, laughing. "And it worked."

The event brought back a lot of memories for Shaubel.

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Infection with HPV occurs with skin-to-skin contact. Warts are caused by viruses and are passed from person to person. A common way of contracting the virus is by walking barefoot in public pools, showers etc.

About 30% of warts clear spontaneously in six months and 65% to 78% clear in two years without any treatment. However, most people would like to resolve warts more quickly than this. Salicylic acid is a first line OTC option. This medicine slowly destroys virus-infected skin and may stimulate the immune response of the body to attack the virus. It is not a quick fix, but it may help to remove the warts and clear the infection. There are a number of salicylic products available. They range in concentration from 17% to 40%. A 40% product should be used for plantar warts. The use of salicylic acid on facial warts is not recommended because of a potential risk of hypo- and hyperpigmentation (skin discolouration).

There is a bit of a regimen to follow with salicylic acid products. Before treatment the warts should be soaked in warm water for five minutes. Then, an emery board or pumice stone should be used to remove dead tissue. The salicylic acid treatment should then be applied. Treatment may need to be continued for up to 12 weeks. If the wart causes pain, patients can take acetaminophen or ibuprofen for the discomfort. Examples of OTC salicylic acid wart removal products include COMPOUND W, OR, SCALPEL, EAR, ANUS, PLUMAR, and CUCUMBER MINT.

Cryotherapy is another treatment for warts. It uses liquid nitrogen to freeze and destroy skin and tissue destruction so that the immune system mounts an immune response against the virus. Doctors typically use liquid nitrogen which freezes tissues to -196°C. There are also home cryotherapy systems available. These contain dimethyl ether and propane (DMEP). Examples include DR. SCHOLL'S FREEZE AWAY WART REMOVER, OR, COMPOUND W FREEZE OFF. Evidence shows OMEP and liquid nitrogen are fairly similar in efficacy. After application of cryotherapy a blister is formed under the wart. The frozen skin and wart falls off after about ten days and reveals newly formed skin underneath. It is recommended that OTC cryotherapy be applied three times usually in ten day intervals.

The use of duct tape as a wort treatment is common. By putting duct tape over the wart, then the area is deprived of oxygen which causes irritation and stimulates the immune response to the virus. Typical administration involves applying silver duct tape over the wart and removing a week later. Scrubbing the area with an emery board and leaving it open over night. Then reapplying duct tape. Silver duct tape has been shown to be more effective than clear duct tape, possibly because of the adhesive.

There are also a number of prescription products that can be used for warts if OTC treatments are ineffective. Patients with diabetes should consult their physicians before beginning treatment for their warts. Also, genital warts must be treated by physicians and are not suitable for treatment with OTC methods.

In general OTC wart treatments are effective, however, it may take several weeks for the wart to be removed. For proper selection of a treatment method come in and speak to your pharmacist.

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■ **SHIPPING:** Year-to-date stats released for canal cargoes

# Seaway system grain shipments up in August

InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** — More than 15.3 million tonnes of cargo has been shipped through the St. Lawrence Seaway and Welland Canal since March. St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. is reporting.

Though the figure is down 9% compared to the same period last year, the seaway corporation said grain shipping traffic has started to rebound since the end of the Canadian and American Prairies started to flow through

the system in August.

Year-to-date total grain shipments are 3.3 million tonnes, down 6% over the same period in 2012. But that was an improvement over the previous month and reflects an upturn of grain activity in August.

"The new grain crops from the Canadian Prairies and the U.S. are starting to come through," said Bruce Hodgson, the seaway's director of market development.

"Our expectation is that

we will have a strong finish in terms of grain over the autumn months. That's what we're being told by the market. We remain optimis-

tic that we'll end the season close to last year's cargo volumes."

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Since Canadian Tire Jumpstart launched in 2005, it has helped more than 580,000 kids (and counting) take part in 70 different sports and activities. "Our vision is more than getting children involved in sports and recreation—it's to have a country where all kids have a chance to fulfill their dreams," says Johnny Misley, the President of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities.

Jumpstart is unique in its ability to work in every community across Canada, with 332 local chapters built on the support from volunteers and caring citizens. These chapters work closely with more than 2,600 community partners to identify families with financial needs whose children would benefit from the programs.

Thanks to the support of the Niagara Region, Jumpstart has been able to make a real impact. From building the Billes Family Field baseball diamond to the 1,478 kids helped (and counting) in 2013 alone, Jumpstart is getting kids off the sideline and giving them a sporting chance.

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# Big shipping rises in construction aggregates, asphalt

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WELLAND — United Way of South Niagara wants you to get caught red-handed.

An app that texts "RedHanded" to 71441 will receive updates about upcoming events and news.

The new app was unveiled to the communities it serves — Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne and Wainfleet —

during the 2013 fall fund-raising campaign kickoff Tuesday morning at Sparrow Lakes Golf Club.

For nearly 50 years, the symbol of the United Way has been a red hand. United Way executive director Coleman-Lawrie explained as she told everyone in a packed breakfast room to take out their cellphones and text RedHanded.

The agency this year has a

goal to raise \$600,000 to aid dozens of local non-profit organizations.

"We hope we can surpass that this year," Coleman-Lawrie said.

United Way divides its support into three categories: helping kids be all they can be, promoting healthy people and strong communities, and moving from poverty to possibility.

About one in three people in Niagara use United Way's services and one in three children access a food bank, Coleman-Lawrie said.

Mel Groom, who is collecting signatures for Niagara campaign with her husband Rick, said the need for the United Way in Niagara continues to grow while donors continue to decline.

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Executive director Tamara Coleman-Lawrie invites the community to get caught red-handed by texting "RedHanded" to 71441 to receive updates and information about United Way of South Niagara.



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## UNITED WAY

## Agency keeps moving forward despite difficult economic conditions

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Still, the agency continues to move forward despite the economic difficulties it

faces.

"The fact that (the United Way) is 49 years old this year speaks volumes to its continuity for charity and its ability to adapt to the needs of

the community," Groom said.

Mike Leone, a big brother for Big Brother Big Sisters of Niagara, said he has seen the impact first-hand the United Way has had thanks to the donor

support.

Leone began mentoring Dylan 10 years ago and in that time he has gone on camping trips, activities and even included him in family

events. The mentor said Dylan has even been given the title of uncle to his young son.

"It's not about the small things, or the big things.

It's about communication," Leone said.

"My time with Dylan has affected me as a 'Big' and it's shown me that youth in this area does need mentorship."

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■ GRAPE GUTS AND GLORY: Rain didn't hurt a-peel of event for Niagara's leaders

# Political leaders bare soles at Grape Stomp



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Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn celebrates winning his heat during the annual Mayor's Invitational Grape Stomp.

KARENA WALTER  
QMI Agency Niagara

There were no speeches, no debates, no promises. On this stage, politicians had to let their feet do the talking.

But when they did, they marched on the spit, fearlessly pounding and squishing grapes in the purple stained, sockless affair that is the Mayor's Invitational Grape Stomp.

In the end, rookie

stomper and Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn had the most juice, crushing the fruit and his competition.

"My strategy was watching the first heat to see how it was done and mimicking it," said Augustyn, who managed to squeeze out a victory in their heats Saturday.

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose," said McMullan, explaining there's always juice in the barrel, but the problem is

along with regional bragging rights.

Others, like the 2012 champion Niagara Region Chair Gary Burroughs, and the 2011 champion, St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan, were unable to manage to squeeze out a victory in their heats Saturday.

"This year's Niagara Wine Festival event was extra soggy, with day-long rain that didn't let up for the political arena.

getting it out of the clogged spigot.

That's something Thorold Coun. Sergio Paone has almost perfected with what he calls the "stomp and push" action. It got him to the final and a silver plate finish for the second year in a row.

The 2013 Niagara Wine Festival event was extra soggy, with day-long rain that didn't let up for the political arena.

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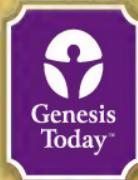
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